Alberta Women's Bureau
INFORMATION

A WOMAN'S RIGHTS

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Alberta
WOMEN'S BUREAU

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AS A WOMAN IN ALBERTA, YOU HAVE RIGHTS: LEGAL, CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PERSONAL LIBERTY, SECURITY AND THE ENJOYMENT OF PROPERTY.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT NOT TO BE DEPRIVED OF THESE EXCEPT THROUGH THE PROPER LEGAL PROCESS.

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO THE PROTECTION OF THE LAW.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW.

YOU HAVE FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS BELIEF,
FREEDOM OF SPEECH,
FREEDOM TO ARRANGE AND PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS.

THESE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS ARE TO EXIST WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF:

RACE,
NATIONAL ORIGIN,
COLOUR,
RELIGION, or
SEX.

(Reference: The Alberta Bill of Rights; The Individual's Rights Protection Act)

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. You have had this right since 1916. This means that you may vote in provincial elections if you are a Canadian citizen, at least eighteen years old, and have lived in the province for twelve months.

YOU HAVE:

RIGHTS IN THE FIELD OF WORK;

RIGHTS IN EDUCATION;

RIGHTS TO PRIVACY;

RIGHTS TO CONFIDENTIALITY;

RIGHTS IN THE LEGAL PROCESS:
THE RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL,
THE RIGHT OF APPEAL ON CONVICTION;

RIGHTS AS A DEBTOR;

RIGHTS AS A CREDITOR;

THE RIGHT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT;

THE RIGHT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT, OR TO REFUSE IT;

THE RIGHT TO ASSOCIATE WITH WHOM YOU CHOOSE;

THE RIGHT TO MARRY, DIVORCE, TO HAVE, OR CHOOSE NOT TO HAVE, CHILDREN;

RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILDREN;

THE RIGHT TO REDRESS;

RIGHTS TO INFORMATION;

RIGHTS TO GOVERNMENT BENEFITS.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE ALBERTA OMBUDSMAN WHEN YOU HAVE ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTY IN DEALING WITH THE ALBERTA GOVERNMENT. (Reference: Ombudsman Act, 1967)

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONFIDENTIALITY in dealing with lawyers, and with doctors, ministers of the faith, and government unless the Courts order information revealed. Your lawyer cannot be so ordered.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE AS A PERSON. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE A "PERSON" IN THE LAW. This right was won for you in 1929. (Reference: 1929 Judgement of Privy Council delivered by Lord Sankey)

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO POLITICAL FREEDOM; TO PROTECTION FROM GOVERNMENT AND THE LAW.

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Some useful books telling of your rights are:

Marriage and Family Law in Alberta by Jean McBean, LL.B.

Published by: International Self-Counsel Press Ltd.
306 West 25th Street
North Vancouver, B.C. (Approx. $4.00)

Family Laws for Albertans (Approx. $ .25)

Available from: Women of Unifarm
9934 - 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta

Laws For Albertans (Free)

Available from: Alberta Women's Bureau
1402 Centennial Building
10015 - 103 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
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Telephone: 427-2470

For information and referral contact:

Alberta Women's Bureau
1402 Centennial Building
10015 - 103 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
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For assistance regarding possible discrimination, contact:

Alberta Human Rights Commission
501 Edwards Professional Building
10053 - 111 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2H8

Telephone: 427-7661

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For assistance regarding legal problems, contact:

Alberta Legal Aid Society

401, 10310 Jasper Avenue
EDMONTON, Alberta T5J 2N4
Telephone: 427-7575

Main Floor, Rocky Mountain Plaza
100, 615 MacLeod Trail S.E.
CALGARY, Alberta T2G 4T8
Telephone: 261-2260

Other offices are located at the Court House in the following centres:

Drumheller
Fort Macleod
Grande Prairie
Hanna
Lethbridge
Medicine Hat
Peace River
Red Deer
Vegreville
Wetaskiwin

For information regarding community resources and agencies which are available to assist you with specific problems or in obtaining information, contact your nearest A.I.D. (Advice, Information and Direction) Centre or the Preventive Social Services office in your municipality. A.I.D. Centres can be found in the following locations:

Calgary
Edmonton
Fort McMurray
Grande Prairie
High Prairie (Community Services & Information)
Lethbridge (Information Lethbridge)
Lloydminster
Medicine Hat (Community Resource Centre)